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Sri M. JAGANNATHAN : In view of the fact that the quantity of blood banked in the General Hospital, Madras, is not commensurate with the needs of the hospital, will the Government consider the desirability of increasing the amount paid to the donors so that more number of persons would be coming forward to give blood to the Bank?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, the amount was only recently increased from Rs. 5-8-0 to Rs. 7 per donor.

Valiyathumugam bridge

Mr. SPEAKER : The hon. Member Sri Kothandaraman is not in his seat. The question and answer will be printed in the official proceedings.

* 256 *Q.*—Sri V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : கனம் பொது மராமத்து அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) கன்யாகுமரி ஜில்லா தக்கலை-குலசேகரம் ரோடில் வலியாற்றுமுகம் என்ற ஆற்றின் பாலம் பழுதடைந்து எத்தனை வருடமாகிறது?

(ஆ) ஏன் அதை மராமத்து செய்யவில்லை?

The Hon. Sri P. KAKKAN : (*a*) This is an old wooden bridge and has been in a state of disrepair even before the reorganization of States.

(*b*) The reconstruction of this bridge required detailed investigation. The investigation has been completed and the work will be started shortly.

Agricultural schools

Mr. SPEAKER : The hon. Member Sri Sampath is not in his seat. The question and answer will be printed in the official proceedings.

* 257 *Q.*—Sri T. SAMPATH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to open Agricultural Schools in areas where there are State Agricultural Farms?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : No, Sir.

House-rent allowance

* 258 *Q.*—Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to grant house-rent allowance to the copyists employed in the Judicial department? 9-30 a.m.

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : No, Sir.